

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

## PRESCRIPTION DRUG FAIRNESS FOR SENIORS ACT—SUBMITTING RULE FOR DISCHARGE PETITION

### HON. RONNIE SHOWS

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. SHOWS. Mr. Speaker, this is an important day. Soon I will have been a Representative for the people of Mississippi's 4th Congressional District for a year. Issues great and small have been debated. Our budget, F-22's, water and transportation projects, foreign operations expenditures are all some of the issues that have been grappled with.

Our nation continues to reap economic benefits that can not be matched. We are a people moving forward. But, can we truly move forward if we are leaving some behind?

Can we turn our backs on our elderly, the very people who stood face to face with a Great Depression and the trials and tribulations of war?

Lucille Bruce is from Clinton, MS. She lives on a fixed income and pays in excess of \$200 each month for prescription medicine. Ms. Bruce says that without her daughter she would have no money to live. She wonders how many Senior Americans there are who don't have the type of family support she receives.

Well, Ms. Bruce, sadly there are millions. And it is past time for their American family to step forward with the care, support and respect they are owed.

H.R. 664, the Prescription Drug Fairness for Seniors Act was introduced earlier this year by my friend and colleague, TOM ALLEN of Maine. This legislation will substantially lower the costs of what senior citizens pay for prescription drugs.

Seniors pay much more for prescription drugs as the drug companies' "favored customers" such as the federal government and large HMOs. This legislation will allow pharmacies to purchase drugs for Medicare beneficiaries at the same rate as the government and large HMO's so our grandparents and parents will be "favored customers" as well. This is only right.

Our senior citizens should never be forced to choose between buying food or buying medicine. They should not have to decide between paying the electric bill or paying for the medicine that keeps them healthy.

Yet, in America today, many seniors are put into that very position. This is a shame.

And, it is also a shame this bill has not been brought forward for real consideration. It is a shame to ignore the cost of prescription drugs that our senior citizens are burdened with.

Today, I will offer a resolution to bring H.R. 664 to the floor for a vote. If no action is taken within 7 days I will file a discharge petition to take my resolution from the Rules Committee and bring H.R. 664 directly to the floor for a vote.

Seven days. Just imagine seven days in the life of our senior citizens who are struggling to

pay bills and enjoy a decent standard of living here at the end of the American Century.

I choose to stand with our senior citizens. I choose to fight for the values and principles that I know we all hold close.

Let's move H.R. 664 forward today. For our seniors, for us all.

## TRIBUTE TO HENRY BELL, AN OUTSTANDING AMERICAN

### HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. HALL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of a truly outstanding American, Henry M. Bell, Jr., of Tyler, Texas, whose death on August 24, 1999, leaves behind a remarkable legacy of accomplishment—and leaves us with memories of a truly great man who was devoted to his family and community, who spent his life in service to others, and who was beloved by all who knew him. Mr. Speaker, Henry Bell was an exemplary man and a good friend of mine, and it is an honor for me to pay tribute to him in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for all to read.

Henry Bell was one of Tyler's city fathers. As the Tyler Morning Telegraph stated, "Mr. Bell exemplified the spirit of community service, lending his time and talents to his church and numerous civic and professional organizations." Tyler's flourishing medical community, institutions of higher education, and economic infrastructure owe much of their foundation and success to the vision and efforts of Henry Bell.

Mr. Bell's civic involvement reflects his devotion to his community. He was instrumental in the growth and development of the East Texas Medical Center, where at the time of his death he served as chairman of the board for the East Texas Medical Center Regional Healthcare System and the ETMC Foundation. He also was a member of Texas Healthcare Trustees. In addition, he was just as committed to the development of higher education opportunities in Tyler. He was an ardent proponent for the University of Texas at Tyler, where he served on its Development Board.

Mr. Bell's involvement also helped create thousands of jobs for East Texans at area factories that he helped bring to Tyler. He was a key player in the former Tyler Industrial Foundation, through which he helped bring to Tyler the General Electric air-conditioning factory, now operated by the Trane Company; the Bryant Heater Company, now Carrier Corporation; and the Kelly-Springfield tire factory. For his efforts, in 1971 he received the T.B. Butler Award, which recognizes the most outstanding citizen of the Tyler Area Chamber of Commerce.

In every facet of Tyler's civic and professional life, Henry Bell's impact can be felt. Beginning in 1948, he devoted his career to Citizens First National Bank of Tyler (now Re-

gions Bank), where he served in several executive roles, including president and chairman of the board. He retired as senior chairman in 1993.

He served as president or board chairman for the Chamber of Commerce, Texas Rose Festival Association, United Way of Greater Tyler, American Red Cross, Smith County Heart Association, Better Business Bureau, Tyler Petroleum Club and Willow Brook Country Club. He served as a board member for the University of Texas Health Center, Salvation Army, Junior Achievement, Texas Chest Foundation and Texas College, which awarded him an honorary degree. He also served as past chairman and board member of the Teachers Retirement System of Texas.

He was a senior warden at Christ Episcopal Church and past board member of the Episcopal Diocese of Texas and the Bishop Quin Foundation. He was a member of the Henry Bell Lodge No. 1371, AF&AM, and member of the Sharon Temple and Scottish Rite Bodies.

The awards and accolades that Henry Bell received are numerous, but as his friends will testify, he accepted them with a spirit of humility that was his trademark. As one longtime friend noted, "From his early adult years he approached every subject on the basis of what good could come out of it for Tyler." Another friend and civic leader called him "the quintessential Southern gentleman" and part of a generation that had a tremendous influence on the growth and development of the city.

A descendent of one of Tyler's founding families, he was born January 23, 1928, in Tyler to Henry M. Bell Sr. and Elizabeth Loftin Bell. He received a B.S. degree in industrial administration, having attended The Citadel in Charleston, S.C., and Yale University in New Haven, Conn.

Preceded in death by his loving wife of 47 years, Nell, who died in February, 1999, Mr. Bell is survived by two sons and a daughter-in-law, Henry M. Bell III and Allen and Cindy Bell; mother, Elizabeth; granddaughters, Lendy, Audrey and D'Ann Bell; great-grandson, Christian Bell; sister, Dorothy Finn; and several nieces and nephews.

Henry Bell was a great man, an outstanding citizen, and one whose influence will be felt for generations to come. He was more than that to me—he was a close and wonderful friend—one that cannot be replaced—but can be long remembered. So as we adjourn today, Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying our last respects to one of Tyler's great leaders and my good friend, Henry Bell, Jr., who will be missed by all those who knew him.

## TRIBUTE TO ELSIE COATES

### HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise before you today to express my admiration for Ms.

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Elsie Coates of Camp Point, Illinois. Her accomplishments should inspire us all to never stop living life to its fullest.

Celebrating her 85th birthday this last July, Elsie is proof that age is not necessarily a barrier in carrying out life long dreams. In the last ten years, Elsie obtained her drivers license and completed the requirements for the GED, the equivalent of a high school degree. Last year, she added to her list a tandem skydiving excursion at the 1998 World Free Fall Competition. Amidst all these exciting activities, Elsie still finds time to participate actively in the church and community.

Elsie is a true inspiration. The significance of her achievements is perhaps said best in her own words. "Age is just a number . . . If you set down and feel sorry for yourself, you're going to get old awfully quick."

IN HONOR OF MICHAEL  
MICHALISIN, CPA

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to Michael Michalisin, CPA, on the occasion of his sixtieth birthday. In 1963, Mr. Michalisin began his career in accounting and auditing with a focus on corporate mergers and acquisitions.

In 1975, Mr. Michalisin was admitted to Partnership with the firm, Hurdman and Cranstoun. Later, as an Audit Partner in the New York office of KPMG Peat Marwick, Mr. Michalisin specialized in work with trading companies, chemical and aluminum manufacturers, consulting engineers, book publishers, and venture capital investors.

Mr. Michalisin has participated extensively in accounting processes during mergers and acquisitions. As a member of the client acquisition team, reporting to top management, he has supervised pre-acquisition reviews and the due diligence team.

Mr. Michalisin has vast experience coordinating world wide audits with client management in many countries. One of Mr. Michalisin's particular areas of expertise has been with Japanese firms. He has worked with Japanese companies for the past 20 years and has a strong knowledge of the Japanese management style, business approach, culture and thinking.

Since leaving the public accounting profession in late 1991, Mr. Michalisin has been an independent consultant to businesses and has established himself in the interim professional services business. He provides corporate clients with interim executives and consultants to solve their immediate and short-term problems.

Mr. Michalisin is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accounts and New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is past President of the New York Chapter of the National Association of Accountants.

Married and the father of two sons, Mr. Michalisin and his wife reside in Scotch Plains, New Jersey. Mr. Michalisin has been active in his town's baseball association as coach and president. He is currently the Commissioner of the Scotch Plains Youth Baseball Association.

A TRIBUTE IN HONOR OF MICHIGAN SUGAR COMPANY ON THE OCCASION OF THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JAMES A. BARCIA**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute and to congratulate Michigan Sugar Company, which celebrates its centennial this year. Located in Caro, Michigan, the company represents a vital industry in the Fifth Congressional District, that I am proud to represent in Congress today. Although families are still bringing in their crops, it appears that Michigan Sugar might achieve a record-breaking sugar beet harvest this year. Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will agree with me that this is indeed a fitting tribute for Michigan Sugar's 100th year of operation.

Michigan Sugar Company received its first delivery of beets from Mr. William Brinkman on October 9, 1899. And in that same month the company began its processing operations that have contributed greatly to our local economy as well as to the livelihood of all our families in the area. Today, Michigan Sugar Company's Caro factory is recognized as the oldest operating sugar beet refinery in the United States.

This year, over 250 grower families from Tuscola, Huron, Sanilac, Saginaw and Bay Counties farmed nearly 30,000 acres of sugar beets to supply Michigan Sugar's Caro factory. This autumn and winter, the Caro factory will process approximately 550,000 tons of sugar beets and produce over 140,000,000 pounds of sugar.

In 1898, the citizens of Caro donated the land for the first factory, which was named Peninsular Sugar Refinery. That company merged with other area refineries in 1906 to form Michigan Sugar Company. And now, one hundred years later, Michigan Sugar continues to repay the donation of this land for its first factory site by acts of civic achievement and contribution. The company remains a strong leader in the community through such measures as donating over 75,000 pounds of sugar to non-profit organizations in the state and community, as well as through financial support of these organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I invite you and our colleagues to join me in extending our congratulations to the company's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Mark Flegenheimer, the Factory Manager, Mr. Daniel Mashue, and to Michigan Sugar Company's many hard-working employees. Michigan Sugar Company is an integral part of our prosperous sugar beet industry in Michigan, and as such, is important to each and every family in the Fifth Congressional District. For one hundred years of being a mainstay in our economy, and for the many acts of civic contributions and achievements, I would like to say, thank you, and best wishes for the next one hundred years.

PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY DONORS  
DISCLOSURE

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduced legislation which would, in the future, require organizers of presidential libraries to disclose the identity of donors and the amounts they give.

The Washington Post recently reported that \$125 million will have to be raised to construct President Clinton's library. It also reported that:

The library fund-raising is striking both for the gargantuan size of the pledges being made and the refusal—at least so far—to disclose the donors.

However, we do not know who these donors are or what interests they may have on any pending policy decisions that are to be made. I think that our government needs to operate in the open—not behind closed doors.

In addition to the reports in the Washington Post, I would like to note that the Knoxville News-Sentinel discussed this issue in its lead editorial saying:

Clinton is still a sitting president and is in a position to do favors for donors. His raising money for his library behind closed doors may be legal, but it smells all the same. He should make public the names of the donors and the amounts of their contributions or he should wait until he is out of office to put the arm on people.

It also stated that:

The White House defense of this secrecy is lame in the extreme: Ronald Reagan did it. Perhaps so, but that doesn't make it right, and this administration, given its various fund-raising scandals, should be especially sensitive to the appearance of impropriety—or one would hope so.

I agree 100 percent, and I hope that my colleagues will join me in support of this legislation so that we can ensure that our government operates in an open manner.

HONORING THE GLOBAL  
VOLUNTEERS ORGANIZATION

**HON. BILL LUTHER**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 9, 1999*

Mr. LUTHER. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I commend a group of volunteers who can honestly say that they have impacted and inspired thousands of people and countless communities worldwide: I am speaking of Global Volunteers, a nonprofit international development organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota.

The volunteers' goal is to help establish a foundation for peace through mutual international understanding. To this end, they invest personal time and resources to work anywhere from continental America to Africa, Europe or the Cook Islands. Citizens from throughout our country participate in projects determined and directed by the local communities, doing everything from teaching English to building and painting local facilities, such as classrooms and medical clinics.